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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST
ATLANTIC FISHERIES

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1. IN ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR THE MINISTER CALLED ON ACTING HEAD OF FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSECRETARY TED ROWLANDS, AUGUST 18, TO PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE AS REQUESTED REFTEL. MINISTER EXPRESSED US CONCERN OVER FAILURE OF ICNAF 25TH ANNUAL MEETING, STRESSED NEED FOR SUCCESS AT MONTREAL MEETING AND ASKED FOR SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN AIDE MEMOIRE. ROWLANDS REPLIED THAT FCO WILL CONSIDER US APPROACH, CONFER WITH PERTINENT OFFICES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD (MAFF) AND RESPOND TO OUR CONCERNS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ADDED THAT HMG'S GENERAL POLICY IS TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION MEASURES AND THAT US POSITION WOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH THIS IN MIND.

2. ON AUGUST 19 EMBOFF PASSED COPY OF AIDE MEMOIRE TO J. (IAN) GRAHAM, FISHERIES SECRETARY AT MAFF AND REVIEWED US POSITION. SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY AND OFF THE RECORD, GRAHAM EXPRESSED FEELING THAT US AND CANADIAN POSITIONS REFLECTED CERTAIN NAIVETE IN WORKING IN INTERNATIONAL FORA ON FISHERIES ISSUES. HE FEELS THAT US DELEGATION TO THE 25TH ICNAF MEETING WAS QUITE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF OVERALL QUOTA OF 724,000 METRIC TONS REPRESENTED SUBSTANTIAL COMPROMISE ON PART OF THE EUROPEAN FISHERIES REPRESENTATIVES. HE FEELS THAT BOTH THE US AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS ARE BEING PUSHED BY THEIR FISHING INDUSTRIES TO MORE EXTREME POSITIONS THAN ARE REQUIRED TO RESTORE THE NORTH ATLANTIC BIOMASS.

3. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS OUR PROBLEMS AND IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER OUR APPROACH SYMPATHETICALLY. HE SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO VISIT OF WALLACE AND SULLIVAN TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AS UK IS NOT MEMBER OF PANEL 5 IT CAN HAVE LITTLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFLUENCE ON PANEL PROCEEDINGS. HE RECOGNIZES, HOWEVER, THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO PLAY A SUPPORTING ROLE SHOULD QUESTIONS BE DEBATED IN PLENARY.

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